

\$100 REWARD FOR GAETHJE GUNMEN OFFERED BY ELKS

Rock Island Lodge Votes Sum for Evidence Leading to Conviction of Assaultants.

NO CLUES HAVE DEVELOPED

Well Known Florist Who Was Brutally Beaten at His Own Home, Is Recovering.

At a meeting of Rock Island lodge, No. 960, B. P. O. E., held last night, a reward of \$100 was voted for evidence leading to the capture and conviction of the assaultants of Henry Gaethje, who was brutally assaulted near his home last Friday night. Mr. Gaethje is a prominent member of the Order of Elks.

No Clues. It will be remembered that Mr. Gaethje was brutally assaulted at the door of his own home in South Rock Island. His overcoat, hat, gloves and car keys were torn off him and the change he had in his pocket, together with his Elks' key and card, were stolen. No clues to the identity of the gunmen have developed. Mr. Gaethje is recovering nicely.

Plan for Banquet. Several candidates were taken in at last night's meeting and a social session followed. Plans for the annual banquet next Monday evening were also discussed. An elaborate spread will be enjoyed, together with an excellent program.

VETERANS OPPOSE CHANGE IN FLAG

Representatives of Patriotic Bodies Adopt Resolutions at Meeting Last Night.

A large number of representatives from John Buford post G. A. R., the Woman's Relief corps No. 66, Colonel Brackett circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., No. 58, Siboney Bay camp No. 8, U. S. W. V., and Helen Gould auxiliary No. 7, E. S. W. V., gathered at Memorial hall in the court house last evening to adopt resolutions protesting against the changing of the American flag by placing the cross and bars of the confederate flag in the field of blue. Speeches were made by William McConechie, Mr. Studden, W. H. Carpenter, P. F. Cox, Mr. Becker, W. L. Pranks and William Reid.

The text of the resolutions adopted last evening follows: Whereas, It has come to our knowledge through the public press and other sources of information that there is a secret, concerted movement on foot to change the character of the American flag, and one of the plans under consideration is to place the cross and bars of the confederate flag in the field of blue. And we learn with sorrow and regret that this unpatriotic movement has the approval and endorsement of the D. A. R., a patriotic organization. But we are charitable enough to believe it is only the official heads, who are largely southern in their sympathies—not the rank and file—for those we know personally are loyal and true to the old flag and the union. But we have every reason to believe that the United Daughters of the Confederacy, who have no love for

the union or its flag, are the prime movers in the unpatriotic movement, and have been instrumental in the introduction of the concurrent resolution in both houses of congress, which has been referred to committees who may report at any time when patriots are not on guard. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the following patriotic organizations in joint session assembled,

John Buford post, No. 243, Department of Illinois, G. A. R.

John Buford Relief corps, No. 66, W. R. C.

Colonel Brackett circle, No. 58, Ladies of the G. A. R.

Siboney Bay camp, Spanish War Veterans, No. 8.

Helen Gould auxiliary, No. 7.

With not one dissenting vote are decidedly opposed to any change in the character of our flag, especially such a desecration which would pollute and defile Old Glory by engraving the cross and bars of treason across its beautiful folds. And be it further

Resolved, That we view with alarm all unpatriotic concessions which we are asked to make, as an olive branch in the interests of peace and harmony between the north and the south, if it has to be accomplished at such a price—the surrender of every principle we won in war and that we condemn and denounce that silly, unpatriotic, absurd, maudlin sentiment of a union of the blue and the gray, which they only corrupt when we admit that we were wrong and they were right, and we adopt that mongrel hybrid of a flag as our national ensign, which we thought was shot to death at Appomattox. And be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our congressmen and both United States senators and one to the National Tribune and the local papers, if so desired.

William McConechie, representing John Buford post, Department of Illinois, G. A. R.

Sarah J. Norris, representing W. R. C., No. 66.

Lucy E. Morris, representing Ladies of G. A. R., No. 58, Department of Illinois.

William A. Reid, representing U. S. W. V., Siboney Bay camp, No. 8, Illinois.

Olive Reid, Helen Gould auxiliary No. 7, Department of Illinois.

OBITUARY

Ash Fitzsimmons.

Internal injuries which he received in being knocked down by an automobile in this city last summer, are thought to have hastened the death of Ash Fitzsimmons of Milan who passed away last evening at the county infirmary. Bright's disease was the primary cause of his demise.

Deceased was born in Berwick, Pa., March 24, 1854 and was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Johnson of Reynolds, Oct. 30, 1878. He resided for many years at Milan where he was employed as a laborer. Beside the wife there survives six children: Mrs. Della Stauback, Rock Island; Mrs. Rene Wilson, Moline; George F. Florence, Arthur and Stewart Fitzsimmons, at home. The following brothers and sisters are also living, William Fitzsimmons, Muscatine; Dave Fitzsimmons, Milan; Miss Jessie Fitzsimmons, Milan, and Mrs. Anna Eastman, Rock Island.

The remains will be brought to this city and funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Knox chapel. Interment will be made in the old Dixon cemetery at Sears.

Miss Corinne Coffman.

Mrs. Thomas C. Lewis, 105 Thirtieth street, has received word of the death of her niece, Miss Corinne Coffman, from heart trouble, which occurred yesterday in Chicago. The remains will be brought to this city and funeral services will be held at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Knox undertaking parlors. Dr. H. W. Reed will officiate and interment will be made in Chippianock cemetery.

Deceased was 29 years old Dec. 1 last, and was born and raised in Chicago. She was the daughter of Mrs. J. H. Coffman. Mr. Coffman was one of the early settlers of this locality. Beside the mother, there survives a half brother, Hal Barnett, Chicago.

August Rush.

The death of August Rush, aged 69 years, occurred this morning at 2:30, at the home of the deceased's sister, Mrs. E. Littig, 1477½ Second avenue. Pneumonia was the cause. Deceased was born in Germany, Feb. 6, 1844, and came to Rock Island 21 years ago. He was married three times, all of his wives having preceded him to the grave. Seven children survive, Mrs. Julius Vermote of Ohio, Mrs. E. DeQueene of Indiana, Mrs. Mall of Oklahoma, Mrs. Millian of Rock Island and Richard, Walter and Adolph, all of Rock Island.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pratt.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pratt died at her home, 614 Thirty-ninth street, this morning at 3:40, death being caused by a complication of diseases.

The deceased was born in Fenton, Ill., March 25, 1862, and removed to Rock Island 22 years ago. She was married in Erie in 1882 to James C. Pratt, who survives. In addition one daughter survives, Mrs. Harry Wright, of this city. There are four brothers, William, Thomas, Fred and John, all of Erie, and three sisters, Mrs. Henry Feinstein, Mrs. W. Pratt and Miss A. James of Erie.

Clifford Robert Dunaway.

Clifford Robert Dunaway, 4-year-old son of C. L. Dunaway, died at 2 o'clock this morning at the home, 2808 Eighth avenue. Death was due to diphtheria. He is survived by his father, C. L. Dunaway.

The funeral services were held from the home at 2:30 this afternoon and

Apollo Glee Club to Sing for Press Club



The Tri-City Press club is to be entertained this evening by the Apollo Glee club at the New Harper. The organization is one of the most proficient choral societies in this section and the opportunity of hearing it will be appreciated. Emil Haas will give readings during the evening.

The members of the club in the bottom row and reading from left to right are as follows: Ernest Swanson, Elmer Swanson, Carl Johnson, Christ Pederson, Tage Joranson, Oscar Sand, Fred Halvorsen, Viv Sodergren, Caleb Farsell. Second row, left to right: Herbert Morlander, Joseph Sundell, Arthur Swanson, Arvid Rosenberg, John Carlstedt, E. W. Olson, John Weklund, C. A. Larson. Top row, left to right: Alvin Anderson, Ed Johnson, Vic Johnson, Clark Swanson, Emil Johanson, Gust Anderson.

The remains of Stephen Archer, which have been resting for the past week in a vault, were interred this morning at Chippianock cemetery.

MAKE OUTSIDERS BOOST YOUR CITY

Dr. William Boetcker Delivers Address at Noonday Luncheon of Business Men.

INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS WIN

Must Put Something Into Community and Not Take It All Out—Large Crowd Hears Talk.

Dr. William J. H. Boetcker of Toledo, Ohio, who is speaking under the auspices of the National Inside association in a snappy address this noon before a large assemblage of business men at the Rock Island club, said that the boosting of the city must start within and without, and that such a good impression must be created that outsiders will naturally boost the city. The subject of Dr. Boetcker's address was "A Better and a Greater City, and How to Build It up by Developing Natural and Human Resources."

Business Not Factor.

The business men are not the fundamental factors in building up a city, said the speaker. The average business man cannot find enough of his valuable time for public duty. The great curse of the American people of today is the "Get the dollar spirit." A business man gets the wrong impression of taking everything he can get out of the community, without putting anything into it. The industries, labor and capital are the vital necessities of a city's growth. Any industry can locate in some unsettled portion of the country and the laboring men and business people will follow. But take any number of business men and start an enterprise under the same conditions, they would go bankrupt in 24 hours.

Human Resources to Rule.

The time will come when human resources in individual efforts will rule, and not aristocratic breeding and wealth, as is the policy of today, declared the lecturer. Children are brought up under the impression that they are supposed to go out into the world and get everything they can out of it, without bringing something into the home, that they are merely to be a money making machine, without a public duty to perform. Another great handicap to progress of the present day is committee work. Take one man of your city, a live wire, forceful, and progressive, let him work alone and he will accomplish much. On the other hand take 15 men, all live wires, form them together into a committee and they will accomplish nothing. The moral delusion of today is, "To discuss things and not do them." He closed by saying he hoped the day would come when the teacher, who trains the mind, would be paid as well as the conductor, who does nothing but conduct a train.

Dr. Boetcker is a forceful and interesting speaker and the talk was enjoyed by everyone present. This afternoon he addressed the students at the high school, and this evening he will appear at the Illinois theatre.

PLAINTIFF WINS IN FURNACE CASE

Willis & Sons Allowed \$117 in Suit Against the Reynolds Pattern Company.

Willis & Sons were allowed \$117 in their suit against the Reynolds Pattern & Machine company in county court by a jury this morning. A verdict was reached at 8 o'clock last evening but was sealed and opened in court this morning. The suit was over a furnace which the plaintiff installed for the defendant company for which the latter refused to pay on the

denied all charges made by her husband. The couple came to Davenport from Muscatine where the wife claims M. Pontious served a term in jail. The police are investigating the case but do not expect to solve the mystery until Pontious is able to speak for himself.

PERSONAL

L. J. Larson left last evening for Chicago where he will visit a week.

Miss Catherine Miller left last evening for a month's visit in Springfield, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Bragdon of Albany, N. Y., are visiting relatives in the city.

Miss Beatrice Stiekler of Sioux City, Iowa, came last evening for a week's visit in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Anderson have gone for an extended visit with relatives in Dayton, Ohio.

Charles T. Murphy of Los Angeles, Cal., arrived in the city last evening on a short business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Clifford Wells of Hot Springs are guests of relatives in the city.

Walter F. Bein, 841 Forty-second street, left today for Florida to invest in Indian river land.

Franklin Sherle of Des Moines arrived in the city today for a week's visit with friends and relatives.

Miss Susan Emerson left for her home in Chicago this morning after a three day visit with friends here.

J. B. Smalley, assistant general manager of the Rock Island lines at Topeka, Kan., was in the city today on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Marron have gone to Memphis, Tenn., to attend an electrical convention and from there will go to New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras.

Ben Harris, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$1 and costs this morning in police court by Judge C. J. Smith. Taylor was arrested by Officers Collins and Kramer.

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GEORGE GORDON GIVEN FREEDOM

State's Attorney Thompson Nolle Indictments Against "Potato King."

WITNESSES LEAVE TOWN

Jury Trying George Williams, Alleged to Have Stolen Clothes from Carl Anderson.

George Gordon, charged with burglary and larceny, is now a free man. This morning in circuit court at the conclusion of the introduction of evidence, State's Attorney F. E. Thompson moved that inasmuch as some of the principal witnesses for the state were conspicuous for their absence and a conviction was impossible, that the indictments be nolle.

Gordon was alleged to have entered a Burlington railway car Oct. 1 stealing \$42 worth of potatoes consigned to Ed. Goldberg. George W. McCaskin represented the defendant.

Williams Being Tried.